

17. **REMARKS:**

Reconsideration of the rejections is respectfully requested.

The status of the claims is as follows:

<b>Amended:</b>	1-4, 5, 10, 13
<b>Cancelled:</b>	12
<b>New:</b>	17-21
<b>Pending:</b>	1-11, 13-21

The claims have been amended to more clearly define the invention. Support for the amendments is either apparent, or is as described in the text below. Support for the amendment revising R<sub>7</sub> to the appropriate divalent radicals is apparent from the context (R<sub>7</sub> must be divalent). Support for adding "alkanoyl" to the definition of R<sub>b</sub> can be found, for example, at ¶60 (as published, 12:18-25). Support for the change to claim 10 is found, for example, in claim 1. Support for the corrections to claim 13 is found, for example, at ¶¶ 372 (78:14-15) and 159 (35:7-8). Support for the added claims is apparent from the prior claims. No new matter is added.

**Restriction**

Addressing the restriction first, Applicant elects Group I, without prejudice to its right to file divisionals to the non-elected subject matter. Applicant has sought to comport the claims to the election.

**Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. §112, Second Paragraph**

The claims stood rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, ¶2. The inconsistencies in the provisos are corrected as outlined above. Antecedent for the alkanoyl proviso is added, consistent with the cited support. Antecedent for claim 11 has been added. The other objections to form are

removed with the changes to comport with the election. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that this rejection should be withdrawn.

**Conclusion**

In light of these amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the Amendment should be entered, the rejections should be withdrawn, and that the application is in condition for allowance.<sup>2</sup>

Respectfully submitted,



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